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Original claim 4 (now claim 3) depends on a cancelled original claim 3. (See page 2 of claim pages dated 12/29/03).

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RESPONSE Dependencies changed to claim 1.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) Halogen-free, flame-retardant composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of either (1) or (1') below:

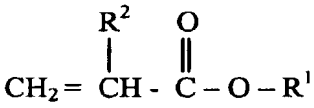
(1) an organic phosphorous compound (A), and melamine or a ~~compound derived from~~ melamine condensation product (B), or

(1') a melamine-phosphorous compound (AB),

and ~~further comprising~~

(2) a polymer (C) comprising at least one type of olefin monomer having 2-12 carbon atoms and ~~(3)~~ 0.1-30 weight % relative to the weight of the polymer (C) of at least one ~~monomer~~ comonomer containing ~~acid, acid anhydride or~~ epoxy groups.

2. (Previously amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a polymer obtained by copolymerizing E, X and Y compounds, wherein E is ethylene, X is a compound having the formula



where

R^1 = alkyl radical having 1-8 carbon atoms

R^2 = H, CH_3 or C_2H_5

and Y is glycidyl (alkyl)acrylate.

3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 3, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

5. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 4, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/methylacrylate/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the organic phosphorous compound (A) or the melamine-phosphorous compound (AB) is a phosphate, a phosphinate or a phosphonate.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Polycondensate~~ Flame retardant composition according to Claim ~~9 comprising~~ 17, wherein (3) is a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene terephthalate, and polybutylene naphthalate.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Polycondensate~~ Flame retardant composition according to Claim ~~9 comprising~~ 17, wherein (3) is a polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide-6, polyamide-6,6, and polyamide-4,6.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) Polyester or polyamide flame retardant composition free of halogen comprising either (1) or (1'), below:

(1) an organic phosphorous compound (A) and melamine or a melamine condensation product (B);

(1') a melamine-phosphorous compound (AB); and further comprising

(2) a polymer (C) comprising at least one type of olefin monomer having 2-12 carbon atoms and 0.1-30 weight % relative to the weight of the polymer (C) of at least one comonomer containing epoxy groups;

(3) a polyester or polyamide; and

(4) glass fiber.